

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Fig. 1 with new Fig. 1, attached hereto. New Fig. 1 is labeled "Replacement Sheet" and includes the newly added legend "Prior Art."

REMARKS

In the Office Action under reply, the Examiner required a new abstract, allegedly on the ground that the originally filed Abstract “is not written on a separate sheet.” The originally filed Abstract was submitted on pages 107 and 108, which constitutes the “separate sheet” required. Nevertheless, attached hereto is a new Abstract that consists of less words than the originally filed Abstract.

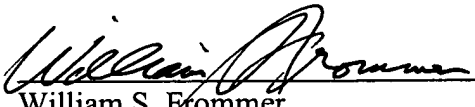
The Examiner required that Fig. 1 be labeled “Prior Art.” This label is added to Fig. 1, which is submitted as a replacement sheet.

Finally, claims 1-52, all of the claims in this application, were provisionally rejected over claims 1-78 of copending application 10/089,926 on the ground of obviousness double patenting. It is noted, if a terminal disclaimer is NOT filed in the present application, the patent that issues herefrom will expire twenty (20) years from the PCT filing date, or June 15, 2021. The patent that issues from copending application 10,089,926 will expire twenty years from the PCT filing date of that application, or August 7, 2021. It is not seen what effect, if any, will be derived by filing a terminal disclaimer in the present application. Surely, the filing of the terminal disclaimer will not assure that the patent that issues from this application will expire on the same day that the patent that issues from the ‘926 application expires. To do so, would extend the term of the patent that issues from this application from its natural expiration date of June 15, 2021 to August 7, 2021. Thus, the Examiner’s double patenting rejection is misplaced and should be withdrawn.

However, in the event the Examiner refuses to withdraw his double patenting rejection, and contingent upon the issuance of the ‘926 application into a patent, Applicants, by their attorney, submit the accompanying provisional terminal disclaimer.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been satisfied and his rejection is properly addressed. Accordingly, the allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

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- Replacement Figure 1
- Terminal Disclaimer